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1. An unidentified military command is located in the quarters occupied by 2 "Thrace" Infantry Division command prior to World War II. 25X1
it was a divisional or higher command. This command is located in a 3-story horseshoe-shaped building. The central wing is approximately 100 by 20 meters in size and the two side wings are 40 by 20 meters in size. The building is located on the right bank of the Maritsa River, on Saedinenie Square, in the center of an area surrounded by a wall surmounted by an iron fence. Army guards are posted at the entrance to the building and are armed with rifles and submachine guns. 25X1
2. An unidentified military unit is quartered in the barracks occupied by 3 Cavalry Regiment prior to World War II. This barracks is located immediately southwest of Plovdiv, on the Perushtitsa (N 42-03, E 24-33)-Brestovitsa (N 42-04, E 24-36) road.
3. An unidentified motorized artillery unit is located in a barracks situated nine kilometers on the road to Pazardzhik. 25X1
this barracks was constructed after World War II. 25X1
4. An unidentified military unit is quartered in the barracks previously occupied by a combat engineers unit, located immediately southwest of Plovdiv, on the Perushtitsa-Brestovitsa road, adjacent to the barracks of the former 3 Cavalry Regiment.
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6. An unidentified number of new, large barracks has been built in the past four years behind the railroad station, in the southeastern part of Plovdiv, in the area known as the "sports grounds quarter". 25X1

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7. The city of Plovdiv rises on five hills, two of which have been declared military zones and are forbidden to civilians. These two hills are the Bunardzhik and Sakhat hills, at the foot of which are civilian houses; however, there are no homes located in the upper portion of the hills. This area has been surrounded with barbed wire fences with signs stating that those crossing said fences will be shot without warning. During World War II, antiaircraft emplacements were located on top of these hills. [redacted] On Bunardzhik Hill, there is a wooden tower 10-15 meters in height, the use of which is not known. Underneath the two hills, during World War II, air raid shelters were excavated, but they are now closed or are used as storerooms for various purposes, and are rented to civilians. Under Nebe Hill, a tunnel has been excavated to facilitate, it is said, the city traffic. The excavation of the tunnel was concluded in June 1952, and work on the walls of the tunnel is now in progress.
8. A military hospital is located in the hospital zone of Plovdiv, on the hill formerly known as Gendem Hill and now called Halmna Mladeshta Hill, in front of Bunardzhik Hill.
9. In September and October 1951, fifteen to twenty reserve officers who were residents of Plovdiv, were recalled for a two to three month period. These recalls are for the purposes of training reserves in the use of new weapons of an unspecified type which have been issued to the Bulgarian Army.

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